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REQUEST FOR DIVISIONAL APPLICATION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This is a request for filing a Divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/445,044 filed December 1, 1999.

1. [x] Enclosed is a copy of the prior application as originally filed including a copy of the signed Declaration and a copy of the drawings.

2. [x] The prior application is assigned to Sony Corporation and the Assignment was recorded on December 1, 1999 at Reel 010634, Frame 0865.

3. [x] Priority of Application(s) No.(s) PCT/JP99/01750 filed April 4, 1999, in Japan

is claimed under 35 USC 119.

- [x] The certified copy in support of the claim of priority has been filed in the Prior Application Serial No. 09/445,044 and acknowledgment thereof is requested.
4. [] This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown below in parentheses apply.
- b. [x] The filing fee is calculated below:

Claims Appearing in the Prior Application,
Less Any Claims Canceled By Amendment Below

| | Number Filed | Number Extra | Fee |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Basic Fee | | | \$770 (\$375) |
| Total claims..... | - 20 = | x \$18 (\$ 9) | |
| Independent claims... <u> </u> | - 3 = | x \$86 (\$43) | |

Total Filing Fee.....\$ 770.00

5. [x] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 03-3125. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
6. [x] A check in the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed.
7. [x] Amend claims 3 and 4.
8. [x] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
--This is a division of prior application Serial No. 09/445,044 filed December 1, 1999.--

9. [x] Incorporation by Reference: The entire disclosure of the prior application identified above is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
10. [x] The power of attorney in the prior application is to Jay H. Maioli, Reg. No. 27,213, Cooper & Dunham LLP, 1185 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036.
 - a. [x] The power appears in the prior application.
 - b. [x] Address all future communications to:
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11. [x] A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.



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